

## GERMANY'S NEW PRESIDENT AND COLLEAGUES



The photograph shows Hans Ebert, one-time harnessmaker, who has been chosen as first President of Germany, in the chair of the Reichstag, where, with other members of the German provisional government, he is discussing projects for the rehabilitation of the Empire wrecked by the mad Kaiser.

### Household Hints

Recipes and Advice of Interest to Housewives.

#### TRIED RECIPES

**Swedish Fish Soup.**—Make a stock by putting head, tail, and bones of any white fish, such as cod, halibut or haddock, in cold water to cover, adding a slice each of onion and carrot, a bit of bay leaf, a few peppercorns, and cook slowly for an hour. Strain, thicken with butter and flour, using three tablespoons each, to one quart of stock, season to taste with salt and paprika, and add just before serving a pint of milk, or one cupful of milk and one cupful of cream which has been scalded. A few peas make pretty garnish, also finely chopped parsley.

**Veal With Sour Cream Gravy.**—Prepare a loin or shoulder of veal for roasting, cut strips of fat salt pork and lay over the meat in the bottom of the pan. Baste frequently with thick sour cream and, after the first hour, cook slowly until meat is done. Make a gravy as usual, allowing two tablespoons of fat, and two tablespoons of flour to each cupful, or half pint of liquid. The cream gives the veal a delicious flavor, and the meat is very white when treated in this way.

**Potatoes Risssoles.**—New potatoes, or cold ones which are cut down to the size of new ones, may be treated as follows: Fry in deep fat until a golden brown, sprinkle with salt, and place in a pan; set in the oven until the potatoes are soft throughout. They may be served with or without a cream sauce.

**Lobster Sauce.**—Boil a small lobster and remove meat. Place bones and tough meat at end of claws in a saucepan with three cupfuls of cold water, a slice of onion and of carrot, sprig of parsley, bit of bayleaf, and a few peppercorns. Simmer for half an hour—and strain off the liquor. Melt three tablespoons of butter, add three tablespoons of flour and pour on one cupful of the strained liquor. When thickened, add one-half cupful of cream, and salt and pepper to taste.

of paprika, and the meat of the lobster cut in small pieces. If one wishes to use the meat for a salad, the sauce is excellent in flavor without the pieces of meat.—Good Housekeeping.

**Buckwheat Cakes.**—One cup of buckwheat flour, one cup of wheat flour, 1 cup sifted cornmeal, two teaspoonsful of salt, one cup of scalded milk, two cups of lukewarm water, one-half cake of yeast, two tablespoonsful of light brown sugar. Dissolve the sugar and yeast in the lukewarm water, then add the salt and the scalded milk, which should be cooled. Mix the different flours together and stir in gradually. Beat up until smooth. Cover and let rise overnight. If liked, a cupful and a half of buckwheat flour can be used and only one-half cupful of cornmeal.—Good Housekeeping.

**Red Cabbage, Celery Salad.**—Have a fine and firm red cabbage, trim off all outside leaves, cut the inner portion into quarters and remove the stalks. Cut the rest into fine shreds and add to it in the salad bowl a head of celery cut into inch pieces. Make a dressing by beating one egg stirring into it gradually a tablespoon of salad oil, a tablespoon of red wine vinegar, a pinch of sugar and mustard, salt and pepper. Pour over the cabbage and celery, garnish with sliced gherkins and capers. A grating of cheese adds to this.

**Grandmother's Pound Cake.**—One cup of butter, packed solid. One and two-thirds cups granulated sugar half teaspoon mace. Five unbeaten eggs, two cups sifted pastry flour. Have a round pan, greased and floured; the over ready and ingredients measured as the mixing must all be done by hand. Cream the butter and sugar and work till very light; add spice and one egg at a time and stir with the hand until you do not see any of the egg yolk, then add another egg and so on until they are all used. Then mix in the flour and turn at once into the pan and bake slowly an hour. The grain of the cake should be fine and close, with not a suspicion

## PEARL 5,000,000 YEARS OLD

Museum Gem Said to Belong to Paleozoic Period

A pearl estimated to have been formed 5,000,000 years ago and said to be the oldest specimen of its kind in the world, was found by Stanley C. Herold, a Stanford student, six months ago, according to report from San Francisco. The pearl will be presented to the Stanford museum.

The pearl, oyster and shell in which it was imbedded came to Stanford in a consignment of geological material from the coast of the state of Washington. The pearl was disinterred in the conchology course given by Prof. James Perrin Smith.

According to university authorities, the pearl is of little value as a gem, but the oyster in which it was found originated, they said, probably in the paleozoic period, but which they have credited to the eocene epoch.

"We have no record," said Herold, "of pearls having been formed before the time this one was created. It still retains considerable luster and when thoroughly polished will regain more, but its 5,000,000 years of existence have taken out about 50 per cent of its luster."

"At the time this pearl was made the dinosaur, mastodon and saber toothed tiger were in existence."

## STONE OF LEAVES AND TWIG.

Building Blocks Ornamented With Delicate Fossil Tracings.

In the state of New York there is a unique stone quarry, the product of which is composed of fossil vegetable fibers, petrified cedar leaves, branches, twigs, broken bark and stumps all consolidated into one homogeneous whole. The theory is that as those parts of cedar trees fell one layer upon another in the depths, once the bed of a prehistoric lake, they were saturated with the dampness of the swamp and with the lime held in solution. The result was in the course of ages a limestone of great hardness.

There is a church at Mumford built of this stone, and at first glance one would infer that it was constructed of rough sandstone encased with an uneven coating of gritty, coarse plaster, but a closer view would show that instead of plaster there were traceries of delicate leaves, bits of broken branches, fragments of cypress bark, splinters of wood, etc. Every block of stone in the four walls is a closely cemented mass of dainty fossils—an exhibition of prehistoric vegetation standing forth in bold relief as imperishable stone.



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United States athletes will be ready to contend in the next Olympic games whenever or wherever those games are held. So the Amateur Athletic Union informs the Swedish athletic committee in charge of the matter.

## HONOR FOR GEN. BLISS

Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, one of the five American delegates to the Su-

preme War Council, has had the Distinguished Service Medal conferred upon him by Gen. Pershing.

## MEXICO WILL APPROVE

Francisco de la Barra, once President of Mexico, pledges his country to the hearty support of the League of Nations. He says the future of his country depends on its maintaining friendly relations with the United States.

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## ON GUARD BY Alice Williams Brotherton

Liberty! lift your torch on high To welcome the pilgrims drawing nigh; Maimed and heart-sore, wretched or poor, Open to these your wide-swung door— Room, and to spare!

Liberty, Liberty! guard the gate From spawn of evil and sons of Hate! Peer in each face ere you pass them through; Guard Freedom's soil from an alien crew— "Halt! Who is there?"

Drop the bars at the brazen approach Of arrogant Junker and bloodstained Boche; Of red assassin and anarchist band, And furtive crew of the fell Black Hand— "They shall not pass!"

These would poison the melting Pot With murder and arson and spying plot; Would make of the land we love so well Another phase of the Old World's hell— Let them not pass!

Liberty! keep for us watch and ward, The Pilgrim Fathers hallowed this sword; Cavalier, Huguenot, Quaker came With hearts for freedom and right aflame— Patriots rare!

These were our sires! Shall we open the gate To spawn of evil and sons of Hate? Let no traitor invade the land, Challenge each with your stern command— "Halt! Who is there?"